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WASHINGTON, November 13, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 8 totaled an estimated 18.2 billion ton-miles, 4.5 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 45 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 766.6 billion ton-miles, 0.2 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 8 totaled 407,566, up 3.2 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 0.2 percent lower than the preceding week.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 12 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, coal showed a gain of 6,471 cars (5.7 percent), while grain increased by 2,332 cars (7.3 percent). Fifteen of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 1 totaled 106,571 trailers and/or containers, 7.4 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 44 weeks of the year was 4,222,392 trailers and/or containers, up 8.9 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/08/86:

	Loadings in Week ended November 8, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	34,342	I	2,332	7.3	I	246	0.7
Other farm products	4,857	D	144	2.9	D	800	14.1
Metallic ores	16,672	I	2,341	16.3	I	1,712	11.4
Coal	119,102	I	6,471	5.7	I	4,173	3.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,485	I	1,098	8.2	D	506	3.4
Nonmetallic minerals	8,447	D	2,896	25.5	I	65	0.8
Grain mill products	11,270	I	399	3.7	D	98	0.9
Food and kindred products	11,848	D	6	0.1	D	224	1.9
Primary forest products	10,635	D	536	4.8	D	261	2.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,457	I	784	11.7	D	710	8.7
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,779	D	1,272	9.7	D	886	7.0
Chemicals and allied products	23,261	I	473	2.1	D	941	3.9
Petroleum products	4,270	D	468	9.9	D	337	7.3
Stone, clay and glass products	10,253	I	583	6.0	D	399	3.7
Coke	3,865	D	1,014	20.8	D	42	1.1
Metals and products	7,419	D	212	2.8	D	411	5.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,050	D	1,678	7.4	D	288	1.3
Waste and scrap materials	8,114	D	78	1.0	I	48	0.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,346	D	2,916	46.6	D	148	4.2
All other carloads	74,983	I	9,562	14.6	D	954	1.3
LCL traffic	111	D	110	49.8	I	0	0.0
Total Cars Loaded	407,566	I	12,713	3.2	D	761	0.2
Corresponding week of 1985	394,853						

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (45 weeks)	16,961,076	17,034,805	D 0.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
44 Weeks ended November 1	748.4	747.7	I 0.1
Week ended November 8	18.2	17.4	I 4.5
45 Weeks cumulative	766.6	765.1	I 0.2

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